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Migratory as well as resident birds giving Bengaluru lakes a miss thanks to fishing nets, floating thermocol, birders say

WIND-UP BIRD CHRONICLE

Experts point to absence of shallow water

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Until a few years ago, many lakes in Bengaluru were home to multiple bird species. However, the waterbodies wear a deserted look today, thanks to the rampant use of fishing nets across the lakes revived by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

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“While fishing nets are invisible, fishermen tie thermocol pieces to nets to keep them afloat...
— City based birdwatcher

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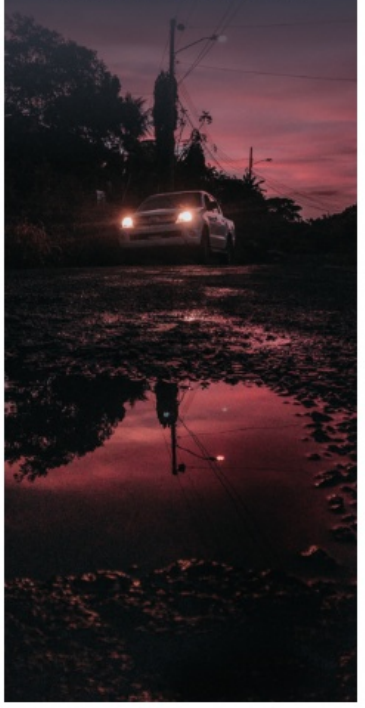
WATER PRESSURE

On Thursday, Bengaluru received ‘fastest 100 cm rain in recent times’



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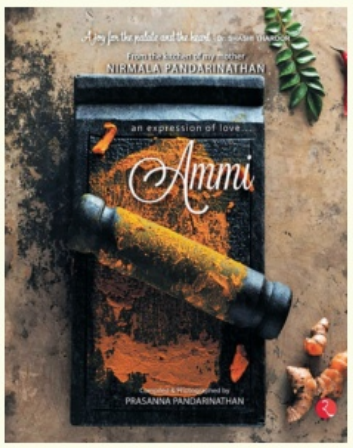
3 THINGS TO DO

01 Poetry for the soul

Bengaluru Poetry Festival (BPF), the city's first festival dedicated to poetry, is back in its physical form after a hiatus of 2 years! The 6th edition of Bengaluru Poetry Festival is here and the festival has once again attracted a number of internationally recognised poets and artistes who have confirmed their participation. The stage is set for another weekend of incredible poetry performances for literary connoisseurs of Bengaluru.

Where: The Leela Palace Hotel, Domlur
When: Aug 27, 28
Info: www.bengalurupoetryfestival.org

02 Food X Literature



Bookworms, drop in at Champaca today for a book discussion with Prasanna Pandarinathan, author of Ammi: An Expression of love — an intimate cookbook that invites readers into her mother's kitchen. Prasanna will be in conversation with Archana Pidathala, author of the award-winning cookbook Five Morsels of Love.

Where: Champaca, Vasanth Nagar
When: Aug 27, 11:30 am onwards

03 Dramedy and more!

Antharanga presents Kailasam's humourous play "Home Ruleoo" directed by YV Gundu Rao and "Kailasam Jhalak" by YV Gundurao. The play revolves round hapless husband sandwiched between a dominating wife and nagging mother. It has got all ingredients of Kailasam's wit and humour.

Where: Prabhat KH Kala Soudha, Ramanjaneya Temple Campus, Hanumantha Nagar
When: Aug 27, 7 pm
Tickets: 9880914509 / 9986911321

Dental hygiene: Learn it from Bengalureans

Dentists say people in the city are a lot more aware when it comes to dental care now; there is a marked decrease in tooth extractions

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It's been long known that healthy eating habits and proper dental care go a long way in keeping one's teeth in good condition. Bengalureans today are proving just that as dentists say there has been a decrease in dental extractions thanks to increased awareness among people.

The dentists in the city have said that lifestyle and diets matter a lot when it comes to ensuring one's teeth last longer. Dr Anandu M, a dentist practicing in Kengeri, said, "Food items which are rich in calcium like milk and almond along with green leafy vegetables are good for the teeth as it neutralises the bacteria produced in the mouth. Along with maintaining dental hygiene, it is very important to consume food that will help in keeping the teeth better."

Dr Shivanand Y A, a dentist practicing in T Dasarahalli, said, "The number of people who are coming for dental extractions has decreased significantly. It has reduced by at least 30 per cent. I conduct dental extraction when the tooth is completely decayed and there is no other option. Among young people, there is almost no dental extractions, they only opt for root canals. However, among the rural population, dental extraction is still common as they are not too aware about the root canal procedures."

Dr Sudeep Kotegar, dentist in Hesarghatta Road, said, "These days, dental extractions have reduced because people have become more aware about their dental hygiene, and they prefer conservative dentistry. If the teeth can be saved, then conservative dentistry is the best option where we can save the teeth and go for a crown."

He added that there are certain complications that follows after a dental extraction. Firstly, after extraction, there will be bone loss. Then there can be dry socket because of which the healing will be delayed. Moreover, if the patient is diabetic, then again, the healing will be delayed. If proper hygiene is not maintained after dental extraction, then there will be periodontal infection, he explained.

The price range for root canal treatment ranges between Rs 800 to Rs 5000. However, rural people still prefer dental extractions as it is comparatively cheaper, and they feel that it is better than root canal treatment.

Ashok K, a resident of Rajajinagar, said, "Dental hygiene to me is very important. I once went to get my teeth cleaned to the dentist, who told me that I have some issue in one tooth and if it gets completely decayed, I will have to get it extracted. I took that very seriously and took special effort to take care of my teeth. I brushed, flossed and gargled regularly because I did not want my tooth to get removed."

Say cheese: Conservative dentistry is back in vogue and Bengalureans are swearing by it

> **"Food rich in calcium along with vegetables are good for the teeth**
> – Dr Anandu M, a dentist in Kengeri

A medicinal plant walk to remember

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If you've wanted to learn more about the native medicinal plants of our country, but never got the opportunity, here's your chance to increase on your knowledge. A medicinal plant walk is being organised in Bengaluru on August 28 by the University of Trans-Disciplinary Health Sciences and Technology (TDU), that aims at creating awareness about medicinal plants in a super fun way.

TDU boasts of a garden with over 1,500 medicinal native plant species varieties. These varieties represent medicinal plants from different parts of India; from the western ghats to the eastern ghats and from the Himalayas too.

"We would like to explain only ten to 15 species to the participants. The idea is to help people appreciate medicinal plant species and understand the importance of identifying them. One can conserve or have a garden of medicinal plant species if one can identify them," said Dr S Noorunnisa Begum, associate professor, TDU.

The participants will get to know and understand plant taxonomy in a fun way. According to the experts, while these names might sound boring, they have interesting titbits and the history of the plant species hidden inside. "Today, students do not appreciate the botany field. We want to make botany and the science of medicinal plants interesting for them," said Dr Begum.

India boasts of a rich variety of ancient medicinal plants most of which remain unknown to us

"We have realised that plant blindness is increasing in Bengaluru. Even though the city conducts a lot of nature walks, the avenue trees here are mostly exotic. They do not show the diversity that exists in India. Moreover, the participants will get to know about various species through a group of botanists, who have explored and surveyed different parts of the country," said Maansi CM, of TDU.

According to experts and botanists, unlike exotic plants that do not help build an ecosystem and do not settle right with pollinators and seed dispersion process, the native plant species help the whole ecosystem flourish.

A lot of tree planting hapens in the city which is not done scientifically. We wanted to spread awareness among nature enthusiasts, organic farmers, and students about the importance of native and medicinal plant species and bridge this knowledge gap, added Dr Begum.

We're unintentionally hurting ourselves

Document by committee says 9-21 lakh people in the state require medical assistance yearly for injuries

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A committee comprising 250 experts helmed by the State Government has come out with a document that records the slow but steady rise of unintentional accidents in the state and ways to reduce it.

Unintentional injuries include road traffic injuries (RTIs), falls, burns, drowning, poisoning, mechanical injuries and others. Experts say that due to many unreported incidents, data is widely inadequate and statistics could be anywhere between 30 - 70 per cent more. It was estimated by the committee that over 9-21 lakh people require medical help yearly for injuries in Karnataka.

The document by them said that in 2020, there were 21,37,884 mild to moderate injuries and 9,16,236 severe injuries. The number of deaths reported were 30,541.

According to the State Crime Record Bureau (SCRB), from 1990-2019, statistics show that the number of deaths due to self-harm and violence were the highest in the year 2019 with 22,305 deaths and the number of injuries causing deaths in the same year reported were 59,619.

Fall injuries

According to the SCRB, the number of injuries relates to falls, transport, roads have resulted in higher number of deaths. In 1990, there were 6,152 deaths related to fall injuries, it increased to 7,993 deaths in 2000. The highest numbers were reported in 2019 with 14,398 deaths due to falling.

Road injuries

Road injuries increased from 5,239 deaths in 1990 to 10,904 in 2019. Similarly, transport injuries saw an increase from 5,774 deaths in 1990 to 11,805 deaths in 2019.

Burn injuries

The cases of burns have increased from 894 in 2019 to 1,131 in 2019. Use of electrical or household equipment of poor quality are major causes for burns.

What doctors say

Dr Shailesh Shetty S, Consultant - Emergency Medicine, Aster CMI Hospital pointed out a number of hand injuries that are commonly reported. "We see more cases of hand injuries: accidents from mixers, machines at factories. We have also seen some people coming with crush injury to hands and fingers while cleaning bike chains."

Non-intentional injuries are approximately 40 to 45 per month for around 1,500

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patients per month. During rainy season, when people fall off a two-wheeler or slip while walking on uneven and wet surfaces, the number is more. Burns during Deepawali, for example, may also show up as a spike in the overall statistic, explains Dr Bevin D'Silva, Head & Senior Consultant, Department of Emergency Medicine, Sakra World Hospital. "Road traffic accidents are the most common unintentional injury at our centre."

Solutions

Some of the recommendations made was to develop state level comprehensive injury prevention policy and action plan in line with national targets and sustainable development goals. "A task force to monitor and advise, to implement training programmes in injury prevention and even to conduct safety audits.

"Low safety awareness and low community capacities to deliver effective first aid at the site of injury are major gaps to be plugged," stated the document.

Looking back, in numbers

Year	1990	2000	2010	2019
Self-harm, violence	15,550	21,485	19,681	22,305
Unintentional injuries	39,876	50,032	51,555	59,619
Types				
Transport	5,774	8,835	10,633	11,805
Road	5,239	8,056	9,770	10,904
Falls	6,152	7,993	10,600	14398
Drowning	5,435	4,495	3,902	3,731
Burns	894	988	1,025	1,131
Poisoning	350	309	228	205
Animals	2,404	2,395	2,127	2,238
Mechanical	809	864	790	822

More visa woes for students

Many plan on opting out of their courses in colleges abroad due to visa delays

Aditya Jha, a student living in Hebbal, had enrolled himself in a sports management course in the US which is supposed to begin from September 5. But like many, he is stuck in the city simply because of his visa not having arrived.

He is not the only one. Visa consultants said that usually, the visas for US and Canada takes around four to five weeks, however, there are students who have not received their visas for more than three months.

Vijay M, a visa consultant, said, "Before covid, the visas to places like US and Canada would take around one month or less than that. But, due to the heavy backlog because of the pandemic and increase in the number of students who are going to these places for studies, the time taken is longer."

Aditya said, "For a visa, we had to get police clearance, letter of acceptance from the university and have enough money in our bank accounts. All of this took a lot of time and effort."

Another student, Neeraj K, residing in Dasarahalli, has enrolled himself for master's in chemical engineering in US and his course has already started. "My course started on August 22 and I got my visa appointment for September 2. I had already booked my tickets, extra luggage and also booked a place for staying and all of that costed me almost 10 lakhs. But because of the delay in getting the visa I had to cancel my flight tickets. If I am not getting my visa on time, then I will drop out of the course."

For students aiming to go to Canada, the situation is no better. Anam Naseem, staying in Whitefield, enrolled herself in a course in Business Management in Toronto. "My course is going to start from October 10 and I have still not received any update about my visa appointment. It is not just the regret of spending so much money, but also the depression and anxiety that is coming along with it for missing out on so many things."

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B'luru is senior living hub

Senior living communities are emerging as an answer to all problems that people face in twilight years

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Senior living homes have emerged as a good proposition for the senior populace, especially post-pandemic. Is the city keeping up with the rising demand? Seniors are among the most vulnerable demographic to the novel coronavirus.

Besides, many of them are empty nesters too. Given this context, can senior living communities emerge as an answer to all their problems? Our experts think so. "The pandemic has had a grave impact on the lives of senior citizens as they are at a higher risk than others. Seniors residing on their own have had to fend for their needs; this also increased the risk of exposure.

And as most of the senior living units in Bengaluru are a part of larger residential housing projects and integrated townships with additional amenities and facilities to cater to the needs of seniors, these developments are seeing an increased interest," said a CEO of a senior home project.

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Unique features

Seniors staying on their own or in mixed-family providers. Also, in times such as during the pandemic, they are at the mercy of rules and regulations drafted by the Resident Welfare Association - a body whose decisions are guided by majority demands and not by the real needs of the most vulnerable group of residents, says Mohit Nirula, CEO of one of the largest senior living community operators in India. He adds, "In contrast, residents of a senior living community have homogeneity of needs and concerns leading to the right decisions being made for the community as a whole, thereby ensuring a higher quality of life and a lifestyle as close to normal." Senior living typically refers to dwelling units that cater to the needs of adults aged 55 and above who are looking to live independently in an environment with convenient services, senior friendly features and access to social activities. "Other senior-friendly amenities, include provisions for quality food and space for exercise and leisure. The buildings are generally low-rise and have specifications such as wider doors, bigger bathrooms, anti-skid flooring, hand railings, ramps for wheelchair access, etc," added another CEO.

Challenges persist

Bengaluru has emerged as a pensioner's paradise due to its favourable climate, improved connectivity and well-developed social infrastructure."However, Bengaluru needs much greater active participation of leading developers to build integrated retirement communities.Given that demand for such projects is rising in tandem with a relatively healthier ageing population, the current and future supply is still woefully inadequate," says Prashant Thakur, director and head research, Anarock Group. Regrettably, most developers lack the requisite expertise, resources and knowledge, and thus refrain from making such long-term commitments. "Some of the key factors that have hindered the growth of these much-needed senior living communities are a dearth of skilled manpower on the supply side, buyer affordability, and in some cases, social stigma attached to separating from a family. In recent years, the overall slowdown in the residential market has also led developers to curtail or postpone many of their project launches," explained another CEO of a senior home.

"Going forward, the Bengaluru real estate market will witness developers dabble with various models, beginning with the inclusion of senior living as a part of a larger residential set-up to test the waters before launching full-scale, standalone retirement projects

In the future

Most of the existing and planned senior living projects are located on the outskirts of Bengaluru. The southern and northern regions of the city account for a majority of the senior living units.South Bengaluru, encompassing residential micro-markets such as Kanakapura Road, Sarjapur Road and Anekal, accounts for a substantial number of senior living units while the northern region has several senior living projects located in micro-markets such as Devanahalli, Jalahalli and Chikkaballapur, states a research. "Going forward, the Bengaluru real estate market will witness developers dabble with various models, beginning with the inclusion of senior living as a part of a larger residential set-up to test the waters before launching full-scale, standalone retirement projects. The segment, thus, is expected to undergo various changes before it matures fully," added an expert.

Advantages of senior homes

The senior homes come with a host of advantages for the residents. Some of the advantages are listed below

- Freedom to live your life on your terms.
- Timely housekeeping and maintenance services
- No need to worry about your daily chores.
- A dedicated and well-trained team will help senior residents
- Periodic housekeeping services
- Laundry service
- Efficient maintenance of infrastructure
- Preventive maintenance for electrical and plumbing work
- Trained in-house staff available 24x7
- Well-maintained community garden
- Swimming pool
- Café serving delicious, nutritious meals and beverages to residents, their families and friends
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- Library with computer and internet access
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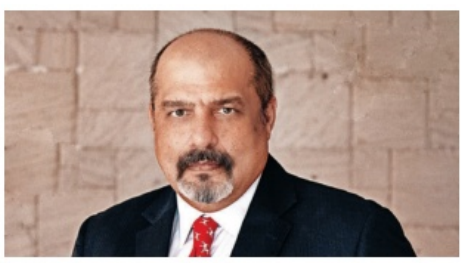
- Battery-operated cars to travel across the integrated township.
- Trained medical and paramedical experts
- 24x7 security team ensures residents enjoy an active and secure lifestyle
- CCTV cameras
- Security personnel
- Access control entry

Senior living communities are now preferred option

Many senior citizens are now experiencing an active yet peaceful lifestyle at senior homes these days. The senior homes or retirement homes are becoming the perfect choice for independent living as these communities offer spacious and beautiful apartments. In an interview with Bangalore Mirror, Mohit Nirula, Chief Executive Officer, Columbia Pacific Communities spoke on the growing trend of senior homes.



Why are senior homes the most preferred?

Nirula: Senior homes have many takeaways. The most important thing being 'Healthier Life for a Longer Life'. Senior homes have a positive aging where our seniors are physically more active, mentally more alert, intellectually more stimulating and socially more connected. All these factors make the seniors staying in senior homes stay healthier for a longer life. Senior homes have a lot of advantages. First of all, there is a headache-free lifestyle as residents are freed from doing regular chores like shopping, cooking and washing etc. Instead, they can focus their time on qualitatively and passionately like painting and bonsai gardening etc. In fact, the seniors can do whatever they want to do at the senior homes."

How were seniors secure during Covid pandemic?

Nirula-Seniors staying in senior homes were safe during the pandemic years. Seniors who were staying on their own had to depend on external agencies for their day-to-day activities and were forced to step out for daily chores as they were dependent on a lot of things outside. During the pandemic, when all of the support disappeared, seniors were in a terrible time. However, seniors living in senior home communities were having a healthy lifestyle. More importantly, loneliness is a big accelerator of aging. Social and physical distancing caused a lot of trauma with too many senior citizens staying on their own. However, those residents living inside the Senior home community were physically distant but never socially distanced. Hence, they had a healthy and happy lifestyle.

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Rs 30 crore not enough to fix city's potholes

BBMP has filled up 'over 20,000 potholes since May', but rains keep opening up more

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is spending close to Rs 30 crore a year to fill potholes, and city dwellers are shocked that craters are not getting covered up despite that.

BBMP Chief Commissioner, Tushar Giri Nath, said that 20,000 potholes have been filled up since May. However, due to increased rainfall, potholes have surfaced in the city again.

"We are finding it difficult to fill potholes due to dampening of raw materials at the batch mix plant. Hence, we are making alternative arrangements. We need at least 40 truckloads of materials to fill potholes every day. We will do this if the weather permits it. Currently, we are concentrating on major roads. There are many potholes on ward roads. I have asked ward engineers to take stock of the situation," he said.

According to sources, at least 15 people have died in the last five years due to pothole-accidents. Reacting to this, Nath said, "We will have to do an inquiry to check this. Currently, FIRs have been registered in a few cases and inquiry is on."

Motorists find it difficult to drive through bad roads with potholes on Railway Parallel Road at Kengeri

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Many areas receive heavy rainfall

Gottigere received the highest rainfall (61 mm), followed by Anjanapura (60 mm), Hemmigepura (53 mm), Doresanipalya (51 mm), Arakere (49 mm), Bilekahalli (48 mm), Begur (42 mm) and Gollahalli (41 mm). Widespread light to moderate rain is likely over the BBMP area with maximum and minimum temperatures likely to be around 27 and 20 degree Celsius, respectively. Southwest monsoons have been active over south-interior Karnataka and weakened over coastal Karnataka.

For the next few days, widespread light to moderate rains with isolated heavy showers are likely over south-interior districts. Scattered and fairly widespread light to moderate rains are likely over north-interior districts. Fairly widespread to widespread light to moderate rains are likely over coastal Karnataka and Malnad regions. In the south interior, widespread very light to moderate rains with isolated places heavy rains are likely over Kolar and Chikkaballapur districts.

Scattered to widespread light to moderate rains are likely over the remaining districts of the region. In the north interior, fairly widespread to widespread light to moderate rains are likely over Raichur, Kalaburgi, Bidar, Yadgir, and Bellary districts.

Isolated to scattered, light rains are likely over the remaining districts of the region. In Malnad, very light to moderate rains are likely over Kodagu, Hassan, and Shivamogga districts. Scattered to fairly widespread light to moderate rains are likely over Chikkamagaluru district. Widespread very light to moderate rains are likely over Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, and Uttara Kannada districts.

Rains expose fragile urban infra

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The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has stated that there will be heavy rains in Karnataka over the next three days. Localities like HSR layout, Jaynagar, Frazer town, Double Road, Ejipura, KR Puram, Marathahalli, and Banashankari have been flooded following incessant rains.

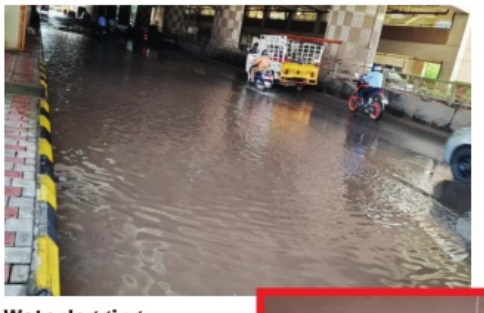
According to a group run by weather enthusiasts, on Thursday, Bengaluru received the fastest 100 cm rains in recent times. The IMD Observatory received 184.4 mm of rainfall in the month, making it the wettest August in 5 years.

The IMD has issued a yellow alert for Dakshina Kannada, Uttara Kannada, Udupi, Shivamogga, Chikmagalur, Kodagu, Hassan, and Kolar.

In Banashankari sixth stage, 80 feet road, Friday's downpour waterlogged the entire area.

Commuters were frustrated with many places getting congested due to flooding.

"Every time it rains, we see roads getting flooded. Most of the underpasses are flooded up to three feet. In Balaji Layout, water started gushing into basements as the nearby drains are clogged," said Kashyap S, a resident of Balaji Layout.



Waterlogging following incessant rains in the city are causing increased congestion

HSR Layout sector seven was flooded too. A resident said that elected representatives have not been fixing basic amenities like drains for 13 years.

"Just after a few hours of rain, Kanakapura Road was flooded with ankle-deep water. It is especially difficult for pedestrians who live nearby. Last night the road near Doddakallasandra Metro Station was waterlogged for hours. It exposes the poor quality of infrastructure this city has," Srinivas, a commuter, said.

He added that all the development projects have contributed to traffic increasing in the area.

Kanakapura Road houses multiple metro stations on the Green Line of Namma Metro, and citizens say that shoddy metro construction is one of the reasons behind frequent waterlogging.

VK Srivatsa, a resident of the area and the secretary of Changemakers of Kanakapura Road Association, said that waterlogging is the worst near Vajarahalli Metro Station.

BBMP was unavailable for a comment on the situation. However, residents said that the BWSSB chairman and MLA visited some of the areas around Kanakapura Road on Friday evening to inspect the situation.

Many other areas of the city like Service road near Silk Board were also victims of waterlogging.

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More to do
BHEL Park

BBMP removed the dangerously dangling cables soon after BM reported it, but no action has been taken by them to clear debris and garbage on the road in BHEL Park, Nandini Layout.

Broken slabs
HBR Layout

After BBMP's laying down of drainage pipes in Ashwath Nagar, HBR Layout, broken slabs have been lying around for a year.

Terrible roads
Kithiganur

There is no footpath in Kithiganur. The entire road is in bad shape starting from Garden City university.

Nelamangala becoming hub for investors

Development of peripheral ring road, satellite ring road, six-lane roads have increased cost of buying land here

Nelamangala has contributed well to the development of Bengaluru by becoming very profitable for the real estate industry. Not just realty buyers, but property and home buyers also concentrate on Nelamangala for their buying.

Many development projects make this a hotspot for buyers, and the development of the peripheral ring road, satellite ring road, and six-lane roads have increased the cost of land here. The Satellite Town Ring Road (STRR) project has also contributed to Nelamangala attracting property buyers. All of this has also resulted in property prices skyrocket in the area.

Most of Bengaluru's development work has extended to the city outskirts

Good connectivity

The region is a gateway to the city. The intermediate 320 feet ring road connects all parts of Bengaluru, making people eye this location. Indian Institute of Horticulture in Hesaraghatta, 120 feet Nelamangala to Doddaballapur Road which connects the airport, and APMC yards which help the wholesale industry are all bonus points for buyers.

Education Hub

Nelamangala boasts of many educational institutions like Harvard Group of Institutions, Swamy Vivekananda Institute of Technology, Shivakumar Swamy College of Engineering, Harsha Hospital, MS Ramaiah Group of Institutions, and Navkis Residential School.

Peripheral Ring Road

Along with the satellite town ring road, the realtors of Tumakuru Road and Nelamangala are keeping an eye on the peripheral ring road and the six-lane road development. Both the projects have made it a buzzing place for real estate activities. As the metro and local train facilities are at a reachable distance for residents and for starting new industries, it is identified as an ideal location.

Most of the development work in Bengaluru has extended to the outskirts of the city. The real estate sector is very keen on developing Nelamangala and surrounding areas. The presence of many domestic and international industries creates job opportunities for lakhs of people. The vehicles and population in the city have also increased, which is why people want to shift to the outskirts, generating an increase in real estate buyers.

The first stage of STRR connects to Dabaspet in Tumakuru road. Dabaspet is becoming a massive industrial hub in the country, and for those purchasing sites in places like Nelamangala, it will be a handsome profit in the future. Developmental activities here are in full swing and future projects have increased their demand here. Other than connecting to Dabaspet, the road connects to Doddaballapur in Hindupur Road, Devenahalli in Hyderabad Road, and Hoskote in Kolar Road. In the second stage, it connects Doddaballapur to Hoskote Road.

A property developer said, "For those who want to make good profits in real estate, Nelamangala is the right choice. There are many opportunities to buy plots and buildings."

-Prakash VL

Snagging, de-snagging in apartments explained

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One will need to make a list of the faults or errors in the new house and ascertain if they are worth the repairs

In construction parlance, 'snagging' means inspection of your newly built house or flat to identify defects that the builder must rectify before you take possession of it. Here's your role in this

Everyone aspires to own the perfect apartment or villa where every detail is taken care of by the developer. Your developer, too, ensures that the structure features the best construction quality, amenities of international standard, an abundance of open space, and a host of special schemes. So, why would you even consider something called 'snagging' and what role does it play in your new apartment?

In construction language, 'snagging' means inspection of your newly constructed house or apartment to identify defects that the builder needs to rectify.

Typical snags in a new home

Some of the common snags observed in the construction playbook include poorly applied paint or peeling wallpaper, uneven switches or electrical sockets, or poorly installed light fittings. Cracked or creaking doors, defective door locks, and misaligned door handles are the typical snags that could mar your entry into your new home. In flooring, typical snags are uneven floors, poorly fitted or cracked tiles, or scratched surfaces. Snags in the kitchen can include unlevelled cabinets or ill-fitted cabinet doors that don't open, poorly aligned countertops, poorly installed chimney, or leaking taps. Common bathroom shortcomings include blocked pipes and showerheads.

Why do you need to snag your new apartment?

If snagging is done before you move in, your builder will have the time to execute any repairs or rectify any faults that you point out. As a responsible buyer, you should look for snags in everything that has gone into the construction of your home. If required, hire a qualified civil engineer or an architect to help you survey the details and pick out the snags, if any, with an eagle eye.

Set it right

So, what happens if you find any defects in your new home? You will need to make a list of the faults or errors and ascertain if they are indeed worth the repairs. As soon as you have verified the snagging details, meet your builder or the building supervisor and take him to your apartment to point out the defects. The developer will then complete the repairs well before you sign the agreement papers to move in comfortably.

Now, what is de-snagging?

De-snagging is to check if the defects from the original snagging list have been rectified and that nothing has been further damaged during the repairs.

When your builder informs you that all the repairs have been taken care of, you will need to visit your new home to check if they have been completed as per the snagging list.

Most established developers of repute have a quality control team of certified engineers who will survey and inspect every structural and functional detail of your home for even the tiniest flaw.

Buying a home in a project constructed by a reputed builder will ensure, to a great extent, that your home is in good hands. However, it's always better to be safe than sorry. So, don't forget to snag and de-snag before you move into your new home.

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A can of worms that is Usman Ghani Masjid Road

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Missing slabs, lack of proper garbage disposal, and open holes that have not been filled. These are some of the few problems residents staying on Usman Ghani Masjid Road near Elements Mall have been facing. They say that the authorities have not maintained the road for more than a year.

The residents say that almost a year ago, the road was dug up by the authorities to lay down the drainage pipes. However, after finishing the work they did not repair it.

K Naseem, a resident of the area, said, "For more than one year, the road has been like this. The authorities have not taken any effort to maintain the road."

Rahim Khan, is a regular commuter who has a similar story to share. "The road is extremely risky for driving, and it is extremely difficult to take my vehicle via this route. After the pipeline was laid down, no one came to fix the road. We have been facing this problem for so many days."

The residents have also said that the slabs that are used to cover the drainage are missing for many months. Ruksana S said that because of the missing slabs, the road has become even more dangerous. There are so many kids living in this area, including my son. "I do not let him play outside because he might fall in one of the uncovered drains and hurt himself."

Hop, skip and jump on Usman Ghani Masjid Road to reach your destination

> **"I am afraid my son may fall in the open drains while playing**
> – Ruksana S, a resident

Because of the lack of surveillance, the area has also become a dumping spot. Asim S, another resident of the area, said, "There have been times when so much garbage was accumulated on the road that it was becoming difficult for the vehicles to move through this area. Even my vehicle has gotten stuck so many times."

During the rainy season, the drains overflow and water even enters the road. They have tried to reach out to the BBMP officials, but no effort was taken to resolve the problems.

A BBMP official said, "We would look into the matter and take the necessary action as soon as possible."

DID YOU KNOW?

One of the city's iconic structures, Bengaluru Town Hall is a neoclassical municipal building named after the philanthropist and former president of Bangalore city municipality, Sir KP Puttanna Chetty.
The foundation stone for the building was laid by the then Maharaja of Mysore, Krishna Rajendra Wodeyar, on 6 March 1933. The building was completed on 11 September 1935. It was inaugurated by crown prince Kanteerava Narasimharaja Wadiyar. Built by Sir Mirza Ismail, the building features a flight of steps leading to the entrance porch resting on Tuscan columns with identical columns extending on either side. Financial assistance was provided by Kanteerava Wodeyar. There was also a separate entrance for the Maharaja. Teak has been used for all woodwork. The people behind the construction included Government architect Sri S Lakshminarasappa, Chief Engineers Sri MG Rangiah, Sri NN Iyengar, Sri A Thandoni Rao. The contractor of the building was Sri Chikkananjundappa. (with inputs from Wikipedia)

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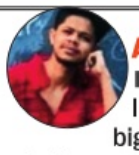
What are your plans for Dasara/ Deepawali now that airfare caps have been lifted?

Namrata Sarkar, Student
My plans for Dasara/ Deepawali have always remained unchanged, irrespective of the airfare caps so far. My goal is to spend as much time as I can with my family, because for me, that's luxury.



Ajay Unnikrishnan, BM reader
I expect airline companies to offer big discounts to boost their growth. An increased demand would make the market competitive, which might help in cheaper fares. I will look for options that are affordable.

Alka Bosco, Student
I really miss my family during holidays and costly flight tickets never actually allow me to go and celebrate with them. But maybe this year I will be able to celebrate with the family as flight tickets will become cheaper than usual.

Puja Kumari, Student
Though the air caps are reduced it still would be a bit of extra financial pressure on me because airlines will now charge higher prices during festivals as usual.

Sreejith S Nair, Content reviewer
I am not yet ready for a fun holiday trip yet. Though there has been loosening of covid restrictions, the virus is still around and I find it intimidating.

Gokul MS, Entrepreneur
I feel that the ticket prices aren't going to reduce much during Deepawali season. But my Manali trip during the break is still on.

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No succour for Nallur Tamarind Grove yet

KBB taking its own time to release funds to start revival work at heritage site

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Thanks to official apathy, the 54-acre Nallur Tamarind Grove, India's first biodiversity heritage site located in Devanahalli, has been overlooked for years. Lack of fencing, overgrowth of invasive species and unchecked grazing activities have put this fragile ecosystem under tremendous threat.

A glimmer of hope appeared when the Karnataka Biodiversity Board (KBB), the body responsible for the maintenance of the Grove, earmarked a sum of Rs five lakh for its revival. The work was to begin a couple of months ago.

However, the Board seems to be procrastinating. According to officials from forest department, the work got held up due to a delay in release of funds from KBB.

"We received the money only a couple of days back and thus the work could not begin earlier. The biodiversity board has its process and engagements. We have all the paperwork in place and the restoration work will now begin soon," said Sumitkumar Subhashrao Patil, Bengaluru rural DCF.

Forest department officials also said since the amount released is a small sum, the focus will largely be restricted to upgrading the fencing around the heritage site.

"The grove has some part of the old fence still intact. Since we have received only Rs 5 lakh for maintenance, our focus will primarily be on restoring the fences," said a forest department official.

However, as per the biodiversity board, a multi-pronged approach will be taken up to restore the site. This will involve clearing the debris, fencing the perimeter, removing invasive species and installing sign boards inside the Grove for the visitors to navigate.

The 54-acre Nallur Tamarind Grove in Devanahalli

"The grove has been taken over by prosopis julpipera, a weed. If left unattended, it can completely take over the heritage trees and thus cleaning them is our priority. Prosopis also grows back if it is cut and removed. So we need to uproot the trees, which is a time-consuming and resource-intensive process. Due to years of negligence, the natural regeneration capacity of the trees has gone down. Weed removal will accelerate the process," said a KBB official.

> **Due to years of negligence, the natural regeneration capacity of trees has gone down** –KBB official

The botanical marvel with over 300 trees was declared a biodiversity heritage site in 2007. Over a period of time, the site has been taken over by invasive species. Environment activists say the restoration work of the grove should be prioritized by the board. "The grove is an important heritage site not just for Bengaluru, but for Karnataka as well. Sadly, it is showing drastic signs of deterioration due to neglect and irresponsible management," said Vijay Nishant, founder of Vruksha Foundation.

BM had reported on Jul 3 about plans to revive the tamarind grove

Airport employees want trains

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With no takers for airport trains, airport employees have urged the Railways to run trains as per their working hours and not as per the railways convenience. During an interaction with the railways and airport railway users on Friday, many urged the railways to consider the demand of the employees. An airport employee said, "We have given suggestions like scheduling the time table of trains in accordance with the shift schedule of major firms, additional stoppages at more en-route stations, etc."

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BIAL will soon kick off campaign to spread awareness about new Metro trains to and from airport among its employees, passengers
BM had reported about efforts to popularise trains to airport

The railways team was led by Shyam Singh (Divisional Railway Manager, Bengaluru Division of South Western Railway). He held a meeting with various stakeholders at Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) to improve the patronage of the trains plying via K I A halt station. Singh asked Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) to conduct an in-house survey to know the requirement of train services and stoppages from employees and send the clear proposal to Railways.

> **Railways wants BIAL to conduct in-house survey, give them a schedule as needed**

The division team earlier along with BIAL officials took a shuttle bus service to Airport to have first-hand experience of the last mile connectivity. Currently, South Western Railway (SWR) is operating seven pairs of trains daily via Kempegowda International Airport Railway (Halt) Station and occupancy is poor.

Rail activists have urged the railways to increase the frequency. "Airport trains can serve lakhs of people, it can be a tourist circuit also from Mysuru to Nandi Hills. We need to make it easier for metro passengers to catch the train at interchanges with baggage," an activist said. Another rail activist said that the trains are usually not coming on time.

"There is a need to encourage courier companies to start using these trains to move their pacels. There is a need to run express trains with limited stops to reduce running time by not providing stops after Yelahanka," he said.

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Warning signs

Oftentimes, just as a natural calamity of scale is about to strike, conspicuous warning signs appear — a window of opportunity for the benefit of all living entities in the vicinity to scramble for cover. Fleeing the fallout of a disaster is entirely up to the entity in question, whose survival is at stake, or to be gobsmacked by the ethereal display of nature, and risk survival, as humans of late are finding themselves in the midst of.

Some may refer to it as an evolutionary anomaly that we, with limited understanding of space and time, have drifted away from the faculty to perceive natural warning signs of approaching peril, as animals or birds do. That said, traces of our profound links with nature do linger in the subconscious psyche as does the primordial instinct to sense imminent danger.

When all else fails to deliver social justice — at the moment, climate justice too — one is clearly left with natural warning signs and instinctive discretion/direction to make sense of the unfolding chaos. It seems as though we have no choices left, at home or abroad. More importantly, it is critical that the collective is not hoodwinked by the online cacophony that is engaged as a smoke and mirrors cover to divert attention and make the killing by the powers that be, as usual.

For instance, before an imminent tsunami, the ocean recedes revealing a never-seen-before underwater landscape that may look mesmerising at once. But the fact that it isn't commonplace is a clear sign that something's off.

A similar warning sign is the unprecedented drought wreaking havoc in Europe at the moment, exposing the innards of that continent and its demonic past as sunk Nazi boats come into view on drying river beds. The climate chaos isn't leaving any geography, not even this land of plenty — of milk and honey, of renaissance and so-called western civilisation. In the east or 'the land of heathens' as often portrayed in ancient literature of the west, where we play catch up with 'civilisation' daily, nevertheless, it always seems to be a distant illusion; even today, while never realising we were being shortchanged then and shortchanged now.

Pardon the digression. So, the strange drought and revealing of the skeletal landscape are warning signs not only for Europe but for the whole world of the impending climate doom. Irreversible damage has been done to the planet's natural rhythm and seasonal cycles that a forecast of even the near future - for instance, a day or two in advance, is proving to be a challenge in any corner of the world. But, yes, warning signs have always been there for us to mount a rapid response if need be, such as frozen baby mammoths in the thawing Siberian taiga, dinosaur tracks or windswept ancient scars that echo the brute history of mankind.

It is critical that the amusement does not remain limited to social media echo chambers that circulate viral videos of natural calamities and meanwhile, those at the receiving end are excluded from rightful relief, which is becoming the norm.

Warning signs are not only limited to natural calamities. What we are witnessing now is an unseemly churn in the socio-political landscape, which is no doubt otherworldly, reflected in the never-seen-before series of events unravelling as we slowly trudge along towards approaching assembly and Lok Sabha polls. Just like absolute warning signs of the climate emergency are hijacked by greenwashing oil giants that post record quarterly profits in perilous economic times, most critical warning signals for the socio-political discourse in India are dismissed by pliant media, as paid social media trolls that once rallied against institutional corruption sing paeans of the current dispensation.

Whistleblower Peiter Zatko's claim that India forced Twitter to hire govt agents to access data is surely another warning sign even as the apex court observing the Centre did not cooperate with the Pegasus-snooping probe committee. The Karnataka High Court recently observed that government departments are so corrupt that no transaction is possible without a bribe; the contractors' commission fiasco that is embarrassing the state government notwithstanding. When gross injustice is brought before the apex court appeal after appeal and detainee after detainee seems to struggle with something as fundamental as the habeas corpus writ, the warning signs are lucid. The warnings are also evident in rare disagreements and observations of the courts just as it were in the impromptu press conference of the Supreme Court judges a few years ago.

When the press fails miserably to inform the electorate of facts and fake news, and jurisprudence is contained by a series of rather curious judgements, what's left of democracy? The fake and knee-jerk discourse on 'social' media does not suffice to reclaim what truly belongs to the citizen: the right to hold elected representatives responsible for their duties and actions.

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I, Nanda Kumar Devaraj aged about 20 years S/o Devaraj residing at No.9, 5th A Cross, Sir M V Nagar, Behind Eshwara Temple, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bengaluru-560016 wish to state that my father's name is printed as Devaraj Gangaiah instead of Devaraj and mother's name is printed as Padmavathi Venkatesh instead of Padmavathi in my passport. Hence, my father's name has to be corrected to Devaraj and my mother's name to be corrected to Padmavathi respectively vide affidavit dated: 23rd August 2022 sworn before Notary Uday Kumar K, Blr.

I, Vijay Nair Arakkal aged about 39 years S/o Arakkal Jagdish Nair residing at No. 104, Akshaya Redstone, Saibaba Ashram Road, Seegehalli, Kadugodi Post, Bengaluru-560067 wish to state that my child's name is printed as Sanvi Nair instead of Sanvi Punia Nair in her passport. Hence, it has to be corrected to Sanvi Punia Nair vide affidavit dtd: 24th Aug 2022 sworn before Notary Uday Kumar K, Blr.

I, Gireesha Holla Kota Residing at Flat No. E-602, Veracious Vanivilas, Puttenahalli, Doddaballlapura Road, Near CRPF, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560064 have changed my name to GIREESH HOLLA vide affidavit dated 26.08.2022 before notary H.K.Gopalagowda, Bengaluru.

I, VEENA ADIGA Residing at Flat No. E-602, Veracious Vanivilas, Puttenahalli, Doddaballlapura Road, Near CRPF, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560064 have changed my name to VEENA HOLLA vide affidavit dated 26.08.2022 before notary H.K.Gopalagowda, Bengaluru.

I, ASHWINI B.N W/o Pradeep M.D, residing at No. 980, 7th Cross, 7th Main, BSK 1st Stage, 2nd Block, Ashoknagar, Bengaluru-560050, have changed my minor Son's name from ADITYA P to ADITHYA P, vide affidavit dated 26.08.2022, sworn before notary K.S Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

I, SUBODH KUMAR, S/o, Ravinder Singla and Residing at Jeevan Residency, Flat No.S1, Vikas Naidu Layout, Bangalore Rural 560099 have changed my name to SUBODH SINGLA vide affidavit dated 19.08.2022 sworn before notary B V Nagabhushana, Bangalore.

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I, Ramesh Kulkarni residing at no 12, Sachidananda, 6th cross, Basava Samiti Extension Vidyaranyapura B'lore 560097 have changed my name to Ramesh Ishwar Kulkarni vide affidavit dated 25.08.2022 sworn before notary Jalandhara Bangalore

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Woes mount with water bills in Mysuru

Mysuru City Corporation to collect water bills of Rs 221 crore from customers and Rs 52 crore from government departments

Government departments have reportedly not paid their water bills worth crores of rupees. The Mysuru City Corporation is trying to collect bills from customers with outstanding payments, but the government departments are the highest burden on its kitty.

Among the total water bill, Rs 221 crore is to be collected from customers, and Rs 51 crore from government departments.

The water bill not being paid on time by the departments has resulted in it becoming a huge amount. The corporation is trying to collect bills whilst sending notices about disconnecting water lines to those who fail to pay up.

In Mysuru city, there are 47,858 domestic-use connections, 1,179 are non-domestic use connections, 477 are commercial connections, and 17 are industrial connections. With continuous operations, Rs 4 crore from CESC, Rs 3 crore from the Railway Department, and Rs 2 crore from the Police department has been collected.

More than 60 departments did not pay their water bills, along with the Railway and Police departments.

> **We are collecting water bill from the residents and government departments. The Corporation can work well if the water bill is collected from all departments**
>
> – SBM Manju, corporator

The Commissioner, G Lakshmikanth Reddy, said, "We have issued a notice to the government departments who have not paid the water bill. Many departments are clearing their bills. We also initiated the bill collection from others."

Corporator SBM Manju said, "We are initiating the water bill collection from the residents and government departments. The Corporation can work well if the water bill is collected from all departments."

Different departments and their dues:

Public Works Department-Rs 15,62,360, Police Department-Rs 5,16,73,102, CESC-2,53,16,816 crore, Horticulture Department-Rs 5,08,002, Agriculture Department Rs 20,984, ATI-Rs 45,67,976, Defence-Rs 2,79,646, The Exhibition Authority-Rs 6,25,803, Railways-Rs 14,00,18,228, Prisons-Rs 24,12,955, Telecom-Rs 4,86,532, Tourism-Rs 1,21,213, Health-Rs 1,26,07,879, Education-Rs 1,27,05,063, SP office-Rs 1,14,40,277, Sports-Rs 1,15,366, Social Welfare-Rs 2,10,383, University of Mysore-Rs 15,71,392, MUDA-Rs 2,55,985, KPTCL-Rs 66,52,498, Fire and Emergency Services-Rs 1,43, 016, Excise-Rs 2,66,137

–Prakash VL

Why birds are avoiding lakes

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Black-winged stilt, whistling duck, little ringed plover, northern shoveler, garganey – these are a few birds that have been giving the Mahadevapura Lake a miss, for instance.

Birdwatchers and amateur wildlife photographers complained the avians are skipping the waterbodies even during migratory season.

An IT professional and amateur photographer who BM spoke to said he had documented over 70 bird species in and around the Mahadevapura Lake just a few years ago. "I started photographing birds in the area in 2016. I documented around 70 species. These were not just local bird populations, but even migratory birds that used to visit the lake up until 2017 and 2018. The lake was still being developed and construction of sewage treatment plants was going on. However, things were still good till fishing contracts were given," Prabhat* recalled.

According to bird enthusiasts in the city, fishing nets and thermocol blocks floating on the water surface are proving dangerous for migratory as well as resident bird species.

"Once fishing began, it completely obstructed the movement of birds. There were a couple of cases of birds getting entangled in the nets. While the fishermen could free the birds, fewer birds visited the lake thereafter," said LN Bhat, a resident.

According to ecologists and bird enthusiasts, while there are some birds such as the cormorant that do not mind the nets and simply avoid them, there are a whole lot of other birds including the pelicans that get scared of the nets and floating thermocol pieces.

"While the fishing nets are invisible, the fishermen tie thermocol pieces to the nets to keep them afloat. These pieces are unusual sights for birds and they started avoiding the lakes," said a city based bird enthusiast.

With STPs around, the water level in the lakes is always up to the brim. Many migratory birds that visit Bengaluru lakes during winter prefer lower water levels.

"For instance, whistling ducks and northern shovelers prefer shallow water. I photographed these birds at some lakes in Bengaluru in 2017 and 2018. This was the time when the waterbodies were at nature's mercy. They got filled up during the monsoon and had shallow water levels during winter. However, with STPs, the lakes are always filled up to the brim, which is not suitable for many birds. Painted storks prefer wading in shallow water with their beaks foraging for food," said Prabhat.

"There was a rich variety of fish available in the lakes before fisheries were commercialised. Now it is just the fish that can be sold. Different birds prefer different fish. This might be yet another reason for fewer birds visiting the lakes," the birder said.

(*name changed)

SC raises ceiling limit of iron ore mining in Karnataka

The Supreme Court on Friday raised the ceiling limit of iron ore mining for Ballary, Chitradurga, and Tumakuru districts in Karnataka, saying conservation of the ecology and environment must go hand in hand with the spirit of economic development.

The apex court raised the ceiling limit of iron ore mining from 28 Metric Million Tonnes (MMT) to 35 MMT for the Ballary district, and from 7 MMT to 15 MMT for Chitradurga and Tumakuru districts.

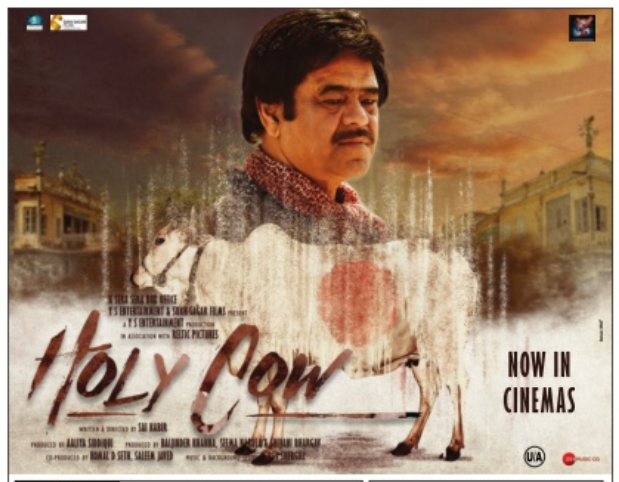
"Conservation of the ecology and the environment must go hand in hand with the spirit of economic development and the fine balance between the two goals is what is sought to be achieved even now," a bench headed by Chief Justice NV Ramana said.

The bench, also comprising Justices Hima Kohli and CT Ravikumar, passed the order on pleas seeking lifting of the ceiling limits of iron ore mining in these districts.

It referred to the May 20 this year order passed by the apex court which had granted certain reliefs relating to the sale and export of iron ore in these three districts in Karnataka and had left open the question of lifting or relaxation of the ceiling limit for production of iron ore there.

The bench referred to the history of ceiling limits on the production of iron ore through court orders and noted that on July 29, 2011, and August 26, 2011, the apex court had imposed a ban on mining in these three districts based on the report of the Centrally Empowered Committee (CEC).

–PTI



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Azad jumps on 'leave Congress' bandwagon

Ghulam Nabi Azad writes no-holds barred letter to Sonia, detailing grievances even as exodus from party continues

#NEW DELHI

The exodus of senior Congress leaders, once seen as mainstays of the party, continues unabated with Ghulam Nabi Azad jumping on the "leave Congress" bandwagon at a time when the party is struggling to shore up its dwindling electoral fortunes.

Several leaders, many of them part of the party's highest decision-making body Congress Working Committee (CWC), have exited recently, citing reasons ranging from the party's lack of ground-level presence to its leadership's shortcomings.

Azad resigned from the party on Friday ahead of the organisational polls, terming the Congress "comprehensively destroyed" and accusing the leadership of committing "fraud" on the party in the name of "sham" internal elections.

Delivering another blow to the embattled party that has seen a series of high-profile exits, including that of Kapil Sibal, Ashwani Kumar and Sunil Jakhar, in the recent past, Azad wrote a no-holds-barred letter to Congress president Sonia Gandhi, detailing his grievances.

Azad's exit comes months after another "Group of 23" (G-23) leader, Sibal, resigned from the party and filed his nomination as a Samajwadi Party-backed independent candidate for the Rajya Sabha polls from Uttar Pradesh. He was elected to the Upper House of Parliament in June.

In this September 10, 2018 file photo senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad with party leader Rahul Gandhi during a 'Bharat Bandh' protest, in New Delhi

The G-23 members had written to Sonia Gandhi, seeking organisational reforms, in 2020. The Congress has failed to stem the exodus of leaders despite the promise of reforms, including structural changes and prominence to youngsters, at its brainstorming session in Rajasthan's Udaipur in May.Two influential leaders -- Sunil Jakhar and Hardik Patel -- quit the party in quick succession this year. Jakhar, a former Punjab Congress chief with ties with the party spanning three generations, quit even as the party's Chintan Shivir was on in May. The Congress is seen making little effort to woo its leaders back and Rahul Gandhi has been saying in party forums that anyone who succumbs to the pressure of the BJP in this "fight for ideology" is free to leave. **– PTI**

Accused had spiked Phogat's drink at restaurant; 2 arrested

#Panaji

Haryana BJP leader Sonali Phogat *(in pic)* was fed some "obnoxious chemical" through her drinks by her two aides during a party at a North Goa restaurant which apparently caused her death, police said on Friday. The two accused, Sudhir Sagwan and Sukhwinder Singh, have been arrested and charged with murder.

The motive behind the murder of the 42-year-old politician could be "economic interest", said a senior police official, adding the duo was arrested to "avoid the possibility of destruction of evidence and influencing the witnesses." Sagwan and Singh were her associates and had arrived in Goa with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader on August 22.

Phogat, who first found fame on TikTok, a popular short-form video hosting service now banned in India, was brought dead to St Anthony Hospital at Anjuna in North Goa district on August 23 morning from her hotel. Doctors had then said prima facie it appears she died of a heart attack. Inspector General of Police (IGP) Omvir Singh Bishnoi said both the accused have been arrested by the Anjuna police under whose jurisdiction the crime took place. He said the CCTV footage of the restaurant was examined by the investigating officer and it was found Sagwan was forcefully making Phogat drink the alleged liquid in a water bottle. The incident took place at 'Curlies' restaurant at Anjuna in North Goa district on the intervening night of August 22 and 23, Bishnoi said. Sagwan and Singh confessed during questioning that they had intentionally mixed the substance in her drinks, the IPS officer said. The motive behind killing her could be some "economic interest," the IGP said. The two men were seen taking Phogat to the washroom of the restaurant around 4.30 am. **– PTI**

Pilot of prominent Airline fails drug test, DGCA orders his removal

#New Delhi

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has ordered the removal of a pilot from flight duties after he was found positive for a drug test.

A senior DGCA official informed that a Pilot of a prominent Airline was subjected to a Drug test in Delhi in accordance with CAR Section 5 Series F Part V.

"He has been found positive in the confirmatory test report received on August 23.

He has been removed from flight duty," he said.

On August 22, an Air Traffic Controller at the Delhi airport was tested positive for a psychoactive substance during a random testing process.

Earlier on August 21, DGCA ordered the removal of an official of the Air Traffic Controller (ATC) after he tested positive for a psychoactive substance on Sunday.

A senior DGCA official informed that an official of ATC Delhi was found under influence of a psychoactive substance. An inquiry was ordered into the incident.

The medical reports have confirmed that he was under the influence of a psychoactive substance. He has been immediately removed from duty.

As per the guidelines of DGCA, Aviation workers will be tested for psychoactive substances such as amphetamine, cannabis, cocaine, opiates, barbiturates, and benzodiazepine and any positive test will have to be reported to the DGCA within 24 hours. **– ANI**

Will have 1 Constitution Bench whole year: CJI-designate

#New Delhi

Chief Justice of India (CJI) designate Justice Uday Umesh Lalit on Friday listed priorities for his tenure and said he will strive to have at least one Constitution Bench functioning throughout the year, make the listing of cases as simple, clear and transparent as possible and there will be a clear-cut regime where any urgent matters can be freely mentioned before respective courts.

Speaking at the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) farewell event for outgoing CJI NV Ramana, CJI-designate referred to the "popularity" and achievements of his predecessor.

Justice Lalit said he has always believed that the role of the Supreme Court is to lay down law with clarity and consistency. "Let me place some parts I intend to do in my next innings of 74 days - three areas: I had a word with office of SCBA and SCORA earlier in the day. One and this is where we need to take cue from CJI Ramana and carry forward. One area is listing and I must assure you that we will strive hard to make the listing as simple, as clear, and as transparent as possible," he said.

"Number two: The area which is mentioned as an urgent matter, I will certainly look into. I will have to work with all my colleagues at the bench and will certainly seek that out and very shortly you will have a clear regime..." **– ANI**

UGC declares 21 varsities as 'fake', maximum from Delhi

#New Delhi

The University Grants Commission (UGC) on Friday declared 21 universities as "fake" and not empowered to confer any degree, majority of which are in Delhi followed by Uttar Pradesh.

The commission warned students against taking admission in these universities.

"At least 21 self-styled, unrecognised institutions which are functioning in contravention of the UGC Act, have been declared as fake universities and these are not empowered to confer any degree," UGC Secretary Rajnish Jain said.

Delhi has eight fake universities -- All India Institute of Public and Physical Health Sciences; Commercial University Ltd. Daryaganj; United Nations University; Vocational University; ADR-Centric Juridical University;

Indian Institution of Science and Engineering; Viswakarma Open University for Self-Employment and Adhyatmik Vishwavidyalaya (Spiritual University).

Uttar Pradesh has seven such universities -- Gandhi Hindi Vidyapith, National University of Electro Complex Homeopathy, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose University (open university), Bhartiya Shiksha Parishad, according to the UGC.

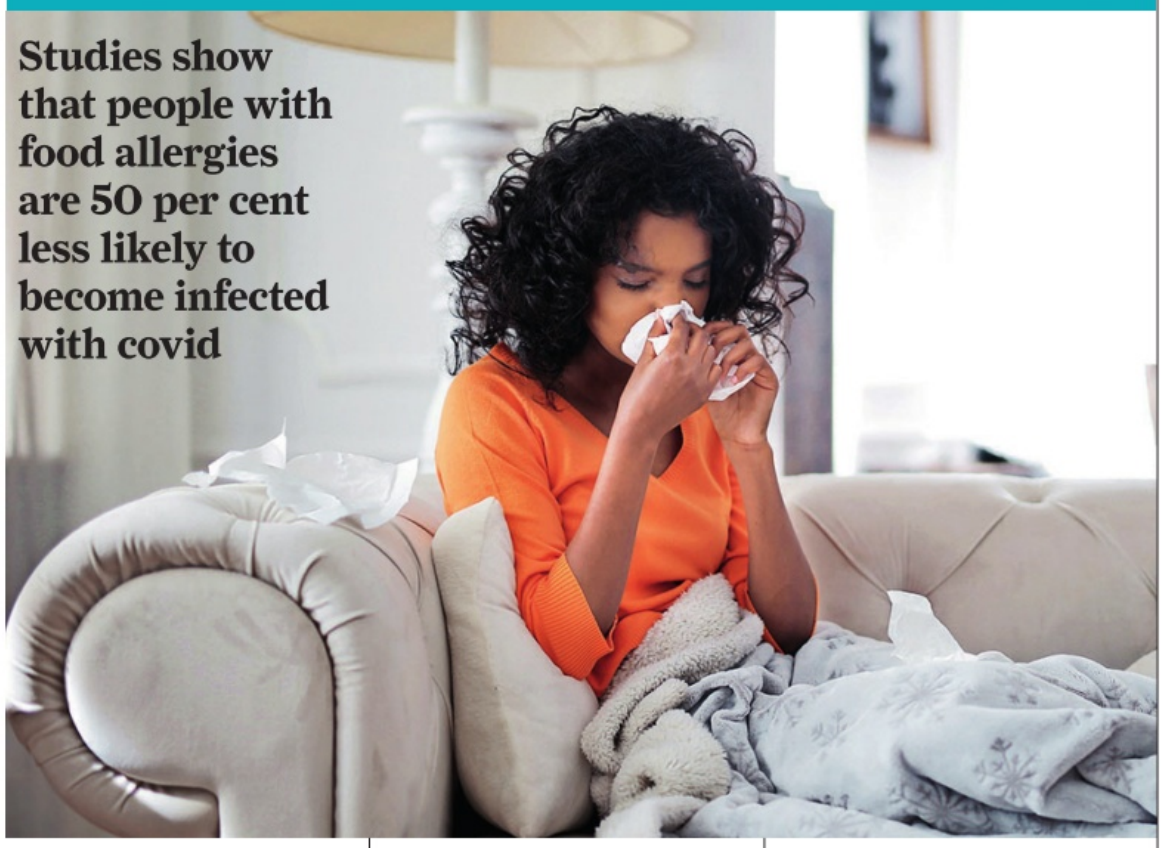
Among other universities on the list are Badaganvi Sarkar World Open University Education Society (Karnataka), St John's University (Kerala), Raja Arbaic University (Nagpur), Indian Institute of Alternative Medicine and Institute of Alternative Medicine and Research (Kolkata), Nababharat Shiksha Parishad and North Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology (Odisha) and others. **– PTI**

HEALTH TIP: A high salt intake can result in high blood pressure, and increase the risk of cardiovascular disease

Prioritising sleep is one of the best things you can do to set yourself up for a successful, energised day

Allergies could be covid shields

Studies show that people with food allergies are 50 per cent less likely to become infected with covid



To respond effectively to covid, it's been important to understand who may be at higher risk of contracting the virus and developing more severe disease.

To this end, scientists and clinicians have established a range of risk factors for serious illness with covid, including older age, obesity, and several underlying health conditions. High body mass index also appears to be linked with increased odds of catching covid in the first place.

But what about factors that might make someone less likely to contract covid? Interestingly, research suggests that having allergies could reduce a person's risk.

Allergies are very common. At least 400 million people around the world are affected by pollen allergies, or hay fever. Some 300 million people suffer from allergic asthma (induced by inhaling allergens), while food allergies affect around 250 million. Many people are also allergic to certain drugs. Allergic reactions can range from mild (perhaps some redness and swelling on the skin) to severe (anaphylactic shock, which can cause death).

Atopic diseases is a name given to a group of conditions triggered by allergens and includes hay fever, eczema and dermatitis. Research has shown that people with atopic diseases have 25 per cent lower odds of contracting covid. For people with atopic disease and asthma, the risk is 38 per cent lower compared to people without these conditions.

A separate study showed that people with food allergies were 50 per cent less likely to become infected with covid.

Why would people with allergies be at lower risk?

Initially we thought that people with allergies could be less likely to contract covid as they may have been more isolated from others. This might be true for asthma because people with this condition were advised to shield earlier in the pandemic.

But the same can't be said for the majority of atopic diseases, such as eczema. And while you might expect people with food allergies to, say, eat out less, research during the pandemic has shown that households with food allergies only had slightly lower levels of exposure in the community compared with other households.

To be able to infect the body, SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes covid-19) attaches to a specific protein called the ACE2 receptor. This protein provides the entry point for the virus to infect a wide range of human cells.

Having higher amounts of ACE2 receptors is associated with increased susceptibility to covid infection. People who smoke, have diabetes or high blood pressure (all of which are associated with a higher likelihood of severe covid) have more ACE2 receptors.

Meanwhile, it has been shown that type 2 inflammation – a normal immune reaction that can occur in response to infections or parasites, but also occurs prominently in allergic conditions – reduces ACE2 expression in the airways. This decreases susceptibility to infection, and is considered the primary reason people with allergies appear to be at lower risk of catching covid.

There are also a range of other factors that may contribute to reducing covid infection risk among those with allergies. For example, people with asthma tend to produce more mucus than others, which is understood to prevent SARS-CoV-2 entering the airways.

More good news

So we see a reduced risk of catching covid in people with allergies and asthma. But how do these conditions affect the severity of a covid infection?

At the beginning of the pandemic, it was assumed that people with asthma may be at greater risk of getting very sick from covid, because viral infections commonly exacerbate asthma. But it's now well established that asthma that's mild or well controlled doesn't increase the risk of serious illness with covid. And the evidence doesn't indicate more severe asthma increases the risk either.

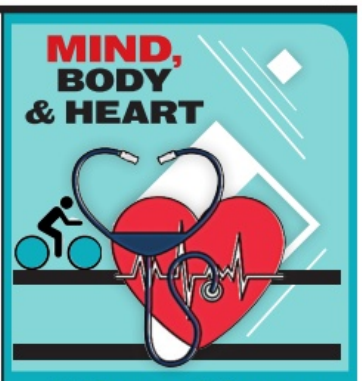
Similarly, atopic disease is not considered a risk factor for severe covid.

If you suffer from other diseases in combination with asthma or allergies, it's important to be aware that this could increase covid severity.

Prevention remains key. The best ways to prevent covid infection continue to include vaccination, wearing appropriately-fitting face coverings, and physical distancing.

Meanwhile, if you have allergies, having an allergy management plan is essential. Make sure your treatment plan is current and that you have medications on hand in case you need them.

By Samuel J White, Nottingham Trent University and Philippe B Wilson, Nottingham Trent University for The Conversation



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm a guy in my 30s with a wife and two young kids. My problem is my younger cousin, who's lost and has addictions.
I've looked out for him for many years, as his dad disappeared when he was a kid and his mother died a few years ago. She made me promise to take him under my wing and be a mentor to him, and I agreed.
For a couple of years things were OK - he went to uni and then travelled, and I helped to get him a job with a mate's company. Now, though, he's gone off the rails in a big way and it's starting to impact my health and my family life. He shows up at all hours, asking to stay or begging for money. He lost his job and his girlfriend because of his behaviour. I know he takes drugs, although I don't know what and how often, and he drinks too much. He's also developed a gambling problem and had debts as a result.
I've bailed him out a lot and my wife and kids have been welcoming and kind to him - they love him - but it's reaching a crisis point.

COLEEN SAYS

There's a lot of pain in his past – abandoned by father and then losing his mother – but instead of dealing with it, he's avoiding it and self-medicating with drugs and alcohol. He's not in a place where he can admit this and seek help.
I do think, as hard as it is, you have to stop bailing him out with money and being his safety net. Try having a frank chat man to man and telling him how you feel – that you promised his mother you'd look after him but feel frustrated and powerless because he's doing things that would make her very sad and worried.
Tell him you'll always be available if he wants to talk and that you all love him, but you won't enable him by giving him money for drugs and alcohol.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

MIRRORLIGHTS

Ayurveda haircare in your 40s

As one gets older, one may suffer from hair loss, dandruff, split ends, frizzy hair, and balding.

Here are some Ayurvedic ways to care for and maintain your tresses.

Eating Healthy:
Eating healthy is essential for strong and long-lasting hair. Healthy diets need to have nutrients that nourish and strengthen the hair follicles from within.

Hair Oiling and Washing:
Hair oils replenish the follicles and scalp while also aiding in moisture retention, which is critical in avoiding hair loss. Always fully oil your hair before washing it, and make this a part of your hair care regimen.

You can either use a good extra virgin coconut oil or purchase a herbal hair oil that contains a mix of several Ayurvedic herbs like amla, rose petals, reetha, and more.

It is recommended that you wash your hair twice a week with a natural powder and condition them with an organic root-strengthening hair mask.

Scalp Massages: According to Ayurveda practices, you should always massage your scalp with warm hair oil before washing your hair.
Massaging the scalp gently with herbal oil stimulates hair development and strengthens the hair from root to tip.

—ANI

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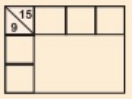
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

A clock runs four minutes slow every hour. It was set correctly 3½ hours ago. It is now noon. In how many minutes will the clock show noon

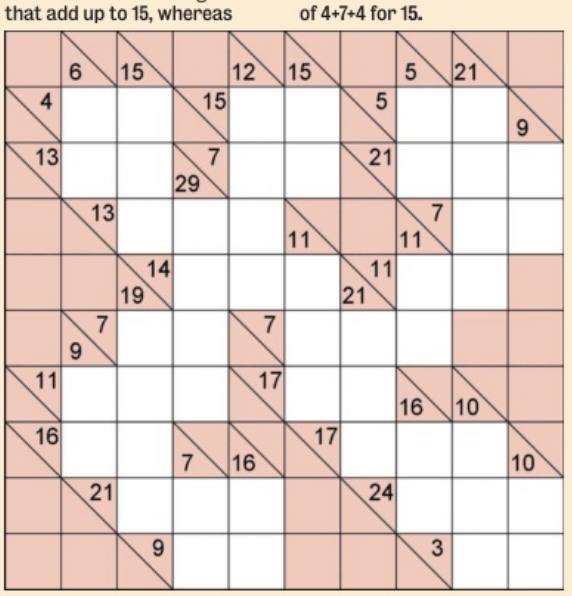
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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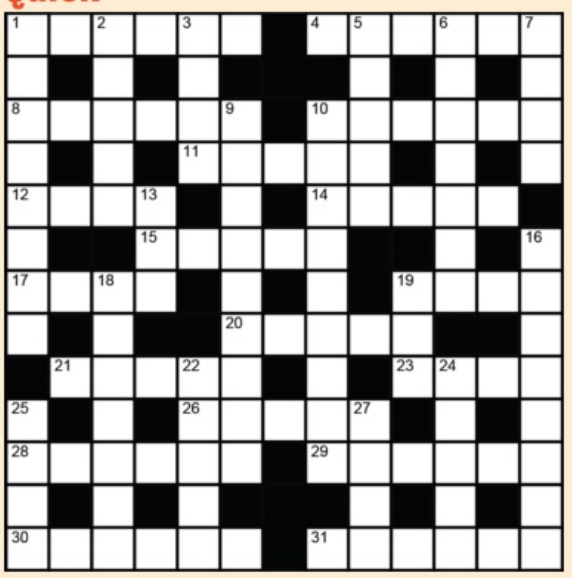


ACROSS

1 Fast-paced; busy (6)
4 Imaginary place (6)
8 Relative girls (6)
10 Plan of spending (6)
11 Peddles or vends (5)
12 Birthday candle holder (4)
14 Musical piece (5)
15 Assembles for action, conference, or other common purpose (5)
17 Japanese mountain (4)
19 Russian ruler (4)
20 Commonplace (5)
21 Consent (5)
23 Terminates (4)
26 Margin (5)
28 Determined (6)
29 Perceived or felt (6)
30 Is; lives (6)
31 Road built to avoid a city (6)

DOWN

1 Shackle (8)
2 Chain or bridle (5)
3 Ancient Roman days (4)
5 Rely on; have faith in (5)
6 Oriental temples (7)
7 Counter-tenor (4)
9 XVII for the Romans (9)
10 Graces, godsends (9)
13 Loan instalment (3)
16 Is in charge of a meeting, perhaps (8)
18 Theatre on Varthur Road (7)
19 Golfer's support (3)
22 Occurrence (5)
24 Italian footballer Alessandro __ (5)
25 Border (4)
27 Hard to grasp (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: D EQUALS C

ARF DPH'E JO EBFTA BFLO FHEWT ARF FHLOBXEPHL QRRL ZPHHOBX.

Linemaro

All days are nights to see till I see thee, and nights bright days when dreams do show thee to me

Mindchow

An economist is an expert who will know tomorrow why the things he predicted yesterday didn't happen today

Joke of the day

I was having dinner with Gary Kasparov and there was a checked tablecloth. It took him two hours to pass me the salt

Loop

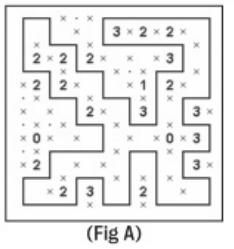
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

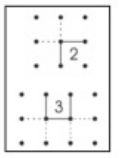
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

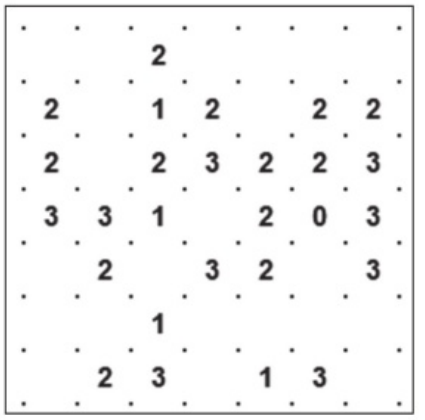
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



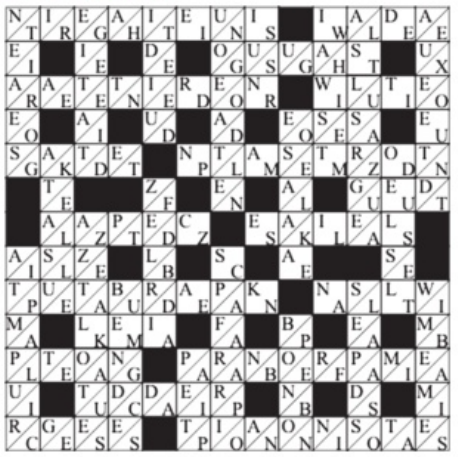
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



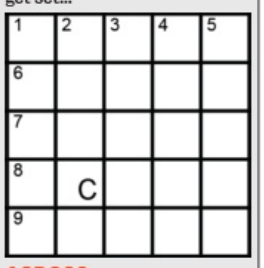
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

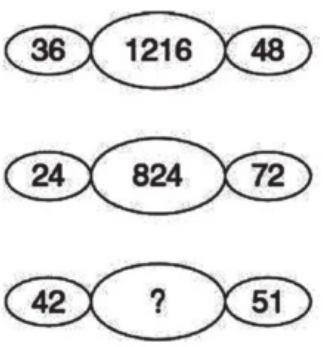
1 Saree; 6 A loom; 7 Saber; 8 To tec; 9 Pshaw

DOWN

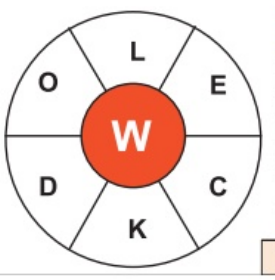
1 Me bow; 2 Orach; 3 A taro; 4 Peels; 5 Asset

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 07 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	6	8				9	5	
7								4
1			4		5			3
	7			3			1	
	5		8	1	2		7	
	8			6			9	
8			6		7			2
3								9
	2	7				6	4	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

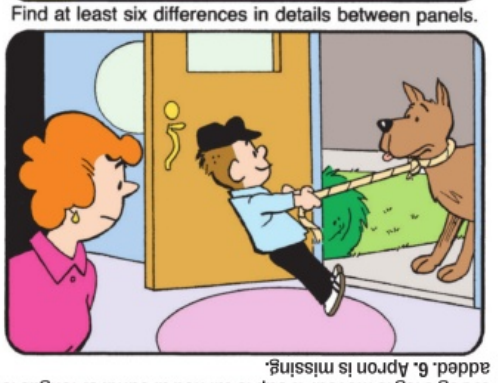
Easy = 5
5 6 7 9

Medium = 34
3 5 5 6

Hard = 7
4 7 9 6

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



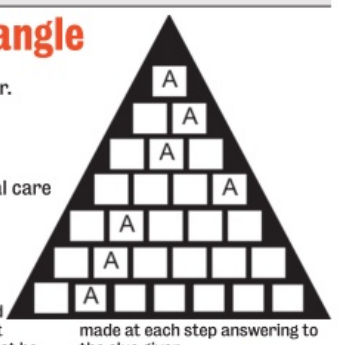
Differences: 1. Legs are moved. 2. Hair is different. 3. Dog's leg is moved. 4. Cap is turned around. 5. Tongue is added. 6. Apron is missing.

Riddler

When in it you have it, Without it certainly. Cast without a magic wand On what you don't believe. Don't stop at the shadow, A reasonable certainty.

Alpha triangle

1 First letter
2 Not available, abbr.
3 Expose to UV
4 Mount in Sicily
5 Mass plate
6 Crystal-clear
7 One under medical care



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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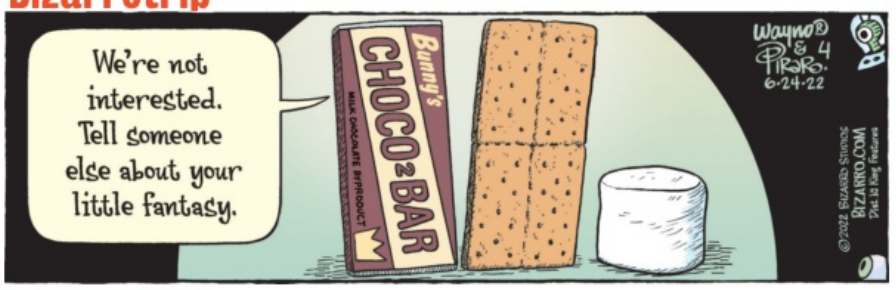
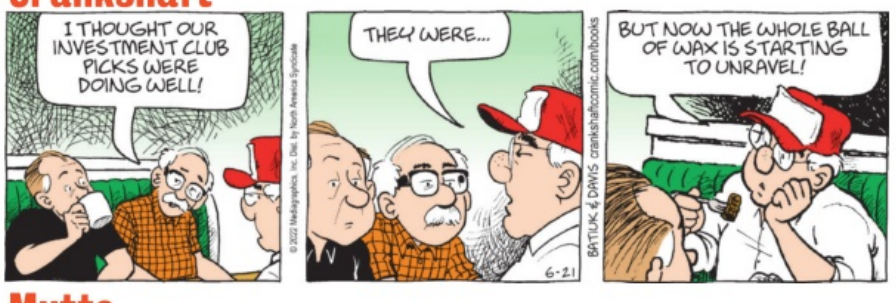


Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

WHENEVER YOU DO GET YOUR PERIOD, I'LL MAKE SURE IT'S WORTH YOUR WHILE. COOKIES AND CAKE EVERY MONTH!
REALLY?!
SURE! BUT SOME WEEKS YOUR BODY WON'T WANT SWEETS.
THAT'S UNLIKELY.
OKAY, WE'LL SEE!
WANNA BET ON IT?
NO, I DON'T, HEART.

Crankshaft



Mutts

HI, Y'ALL, I'M A LOUISIANA DAWG. I RECKON Y'ALL LOVE THIS HERE NEW JERSEY SHELTER.
BARK
BARK
BARK
OOH, I'M HAVING A LITTLE TROUBLE WITH THAT ACCENT.
9-1 mutts.com

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, until late afternoon, you may feel dull, which may reflect in your way of working. With the help of elders, you are likely to fall back on track. You may pay extra attention to your kid's health. You will be in a winning position against your enemies and opponents. Investors should be careful while making difficult decisions. Look out for stomach issues.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may be happy at work. You are likely to make some important decisions by the end of the day, which will help you in the future. You may plan for a short trip. Your juniors are likely to be cooperative. You may expect good news in terms of sibling's success. You may be in a winning position in legal matters. Students may be more focused.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today your communication skills may help you in terms of work. You are likely to be more polite with everyone around you, which may help you to speed up your projects. Lovebirds are likely to exchange their views with each other, which may create some foundation in their relationship.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you are blessed by the moon. New Partnership may give you benefits. Your energy level may likely be high. Your hard work and enthusiasm may pay you off in terms of financial gains. Self respect may protect you from negative people around you.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you are likely to meet some old friends or be busy with social get-togethers. you may be more excited today. New innovations may be there in terms of business. You are also likely to have some unexpected material gains. Kids may bring good news in terms of studies. Lovebirds may enjoy quality moments.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you are blessed by the moon and small investments may convert to big profits. Your working efficiency may be improved now. You are likely to get success from less effort. You may hear good news in legal matters also. You may have full control over your opponents and rivals.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you are blessed by the moon. You are likely to see good profits from past investments. You can expect rewards for your hard work on the professional and domestic front. Your prestige may be increased now. You may start new innovations in business. Disputes with your spouse may be resolved now.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may feel better, and situations may be under control. Your network may help you on the work front. You may plan for overseas travel. This is a good time to increase domestic harmony in your love life. With the help of creativity, you may bring some artefacts or creative items for your family.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may get tired due to overworking. It can make you lazy and careless, so you are advised to keep patience. If you are planning for adventure tours, you are advised to postpone it for a while. Your past investments may convert to dead stock. Students advised to work hard. You may have health issues.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today your creativity may be high and you may plan to renovate your house. You may buy some items for the same. There is likely to be some harmony with your spouse. Disputes with friends, co-workers, and partners may settle down. You may hear good news in terms of litigation.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you will be glad. You will be able to maintain a balance between your earning and expenditure, which will boost your finances. Your network will help you to implement your plans. Your siblings and junior staff will be more helpful today. You may plan to visit a spiritual place.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may feel dull due to sleeplessness. You may be scattered towards your goals, which may affect your working efficiency. You may plan to visit a spiritual place. In the late evening, you may be helped by your elders. You are advised to take care of your parent's health.

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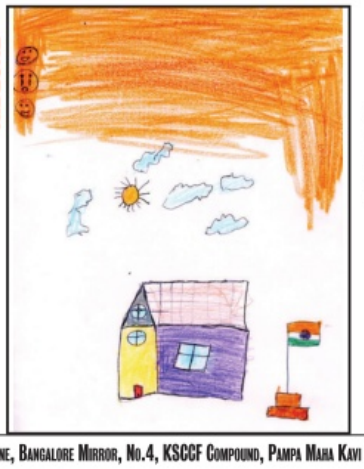

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
If it was set correctly at 8:30, then it will take the broken clock 3.75 hours to reach noon. If 3.5 hours have already passed, that means it will still be another .25 hours, before it reads noon.

RIDDLER Doubt

BULL'S EYE
cowed, cowl, lewd, weld, woke

FAST FIVE

E	R	A	S	E
M	O	O	L	A
B	A	R	E	S
O	C	T	E	T
W	H	A	P	S

STRIKE OUT

C	E	S	S		P	I	A	N	I	S	T	S		
I		U	D	D	E	R		N		D		M		
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QUICK

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QUOTE UNCODE
You can't be truly rude until you understand good manners.

MENSA PUZZLE
1417 : 42 ÷ 3
= 14, 51 ÷ 3 = 17

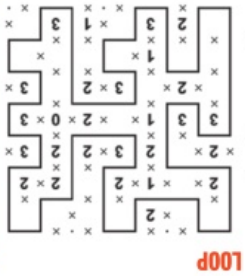
SUDOKU

5	2	7	3	9	8	6	4	1
3	4	6	2	5	1	7	8	9
8	1	9	6	4	7	5	3	2
2	8	1	7	6	4	3	9	5
9	5	3	8	1	2	4	7	6
6	7	4	5	3	9	2	1	8
1	9	2	4	7	5	8	6	3
7	3	5	9	8	6	1	2	4
4	6	8	1	2	3	9	5	7

ALPHA TRIANGLE
A, NA, Tan, Etna, Paten, Patent, Patient

GO FIGURE
Easy
7 + 9 − 6 − 5 = 5
Medium
5 x 5 + 3 + 6 = 34
Hard
6 − 9 + 4 x 7 = 7

LOOP



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 # Global release for Holy Cow

After the nationwide release, Bollywood actor Sanjay Mishra's satire comedy film 'Holy Cow' is all set to hit theatres globally. The film releases in the UK, Australia and UAE simultaneously

Oops! What did I say!

Find out which comment of Vijay Deverakonda is being raked up

Vijay Deverakonda's past statements are coming back to haunt him.

The actor, who has been receiving poor reviews from fans and critics alike for his performance in his Bollywood debut film 'Liger', had trolls poking fun at him for his past comments. After his old tweet confidently saying that the movie would rake in over Rs 200 crore, a statement made by the actor, indicating that he is in the running to be the next superstar after Shah Rukh Khan has now made waves online.

In his interview with a men's magazine, the actor shared how King Khan inspired him to chase his dreams. " If he could do it, why couldn't I?" he told GQ. Opening up about SRK's old interview that inspired him, Vijay also went on to recall the actor saying he was the last of the 'superstars'. "... When I saw his interview, I remember wanting to say, 'Shah Rukh, you're wrong. You're not the last. I'm coming.'"

Vijay's statement made its way up the social media trends with netizens sharing all sorts of reactions. "Not Vijay Deverkonda saying Shah Rukh Khan was wrong when he said he is last of the stars!!! And that he has just begun his career! LOL I know he is a big star but COME ON! it's SRK! SHAH RUKH KHAN! He IS the last of the STARS," a Twitter user said.

In the wake of mixed reviews on its release day, the makers of 'Liger' announced on Friday that the movie has grossed Rs 33.12 crore worldwide on Day One in all the languages. 'Liger' seems to be staring at the possibility of not being able to recover its budget.

The movie's makers, though, are confident because of the reception in the two Telugu-speaking states. With no competition this weekend, and the Ganesh Chaturthi holiday (Wednesday) in the middle of the next, the 'Liger' team is reportedly confident that it will recover the movie's costs in the first two weeks. **—ETimes**

Hue done it

Ananya Panday has the uncanny ability to pull off any colour with much style. Here's some of the most colourful of her outfits

Watch this story come alive by pointing your phone camera at the QR code

Stars in JLo's eyes?

Glee' actor Heather Morris, who worked as a professional dancer for many years, has accused Jennifer Lopez of once cutting out dancers from auditions based on their astrological sign.

According to to report, Heather, while speaking on the 'Just Sayin' with Justin Martindale' podcast said, "Thank you so much, you guys have worked so hard. By a show of hands, if there are any Virgos in the room, can you just raise your hand?"

Earlier in the clip, Morris emphasized the difficulty of a dance audition and went on to highlight how ridiculous Lopez's alleged reason for cutting people was cringe-worthy. Page Six reports that during the podcast she said, "You're not getting paid, you've been there since 10 a.m. and you're auditioning until 6 p.m...You're not getting any money. People judging you the whole time."

Well, it is unclear why Jennifer Lopez, who is a Leo, is seemingly not a fan of Virgos. Although, Page Six mentions that Jennifer Lopez 's ex-husband Marc Anthony, whom she was married to from 2004 to 2014, is a Virgo. **— ANI**

All action, a pinch of romance

SHIVA 143

3.0 RATING ★★★☆☆

- **DIRECTOR** Anil Kumar
- **ACTORS** Dheeren Ramkumar, Manvitha Kamath, Charan Raj, Avinash, Chikkanna, Sadhu Kokila
- **CERTIFICATION** A
- **DURATION** 143 minutes

Shiva 143 is a remake of Telugu movie RX 100. Dheeren Ramkumar, the grandson of Dr. Rajkumar, makes his debut in a leading role in Sandalwood Shiva 143.

The story is about Shiva (Dheeren Ramkumar) who is in love with Madhu (Manvitha Kamath), the daughter of Narasimha (Avinash), a member of the Zilla Panchayat. The movie begins with Shiva attacking Soori, a staunch follower of Narasimha. At this juncture, the director reveals the reason why Shiva attacks Soori. He also shows why Appaji (Charan Raj) provides shelter to Shiva.

Meanwhile, Madhu insists Shiva spend some time with her at a projector room of a cinema theater and also at her home while her parents are not at home. Shiva insists that Madhu marry him. What happens to Madhu and Shiva is the story.

As far as performance of the artistes is concerned, Dheeren has tried his best to meet the director's expectations. Dheeren is good in stunt and chase sequences but he has to go a long way when it comes to shaking a leg and emoting in sentimental scenes. His fans, if there are any, may not like the climax scene of this movie.

Manvitha Kamath, who made her debut in Sandalwood with Kendasampige in 2015, is bold enough to cross all limits in smooching scenes. She indulges in lip locks at the drop of a hat. She deserves a pat for accepting such a role that has a negative shade. It is time for her, who has already acted in seven Kannada movies, to graduate to this kind of layered roles.

Chikkanna, known for his inimitable acting, disappoints. He has nothing to do in this movie except showing up in three to four scenes. His performance and dialogue delivery in a scene where he gives a lecture on disadvantages of marriage makes you curse him for wasting your precious time. There is nothing to celebrate about Sadhu Kokila's performance. He plays the role of a matchmaker who talks too much. Veteran artistes Avinash, Charan Raj and Shobaraj have provided good support. The item song – Nanthak Baa Nanthak Baa – serves no purpose. It is aimed at frontbenchers and has no connection with the story of this movie.

Director Anil Kumar should have tried to reduce the duration of action scenes, especially those scenes where the goons attack the hero. All in all, it is worth a watch for those who crave action movies. **—Y Maheswara Reddy**